

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR WAGONER COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

**UPDATED TEMPORARY PROCEDURES DUE TO INCREASED COVID-19
INFECTIONS IN WAGONER COUNTY.**

DATE: November 30, 2020

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE

AO-2020-7

For the month of December, 2020 all dockets and hearings shall be modified due to Wagoner County being designated in the HIGH category as designated by the Oklahoma Health Department due to an increase of COVID-19 infections and hospitalization.

1. Beginning December 1, 2020, all criminal procedures shall be limited to waivers and pleas. All preliminary hearings, Application hearings, and Motion dockets are suspended for the month of December, 2020. If necessary, each respective judge may schedule an Application hearing, Motion hearing or Preliminary hearing strictly adhering to COVID-19 precautions.
2. For the Month of December 2020, Family, Guardianship, and Adoption Cases will not have in-person hearings. The only exceptions will be for Emergency Applications/Motions.
3. Out of custody Felony and Misdemeanor cases shall be continued until a re-scheduled date in 2021.
4. Pursuant to the latest COVID-19 Administrative Order, all previous promulgated restrictions that were implemented shall remain in place.
5. Judges are responsible for managing their courtroom and enforcing social distancing and the wearing of masks on their respective dockets.
6. Protective Orders and Arraignments shall be handled as timely and safely as possible. If available, Virtual Hearings are recommended due to the nature of these proceedings.

These temporary restrictions are subject to change on the health department classification and number of infections of COVID-19 cases in Wagoner County.

Douglas Kirkley
(electronically signed)

Presiding Judge of Wagoner County
